

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-356

Richard F. Wable House

8320 Mount Harmony Lane

Owings, Calvert County

c1925

Private

Built circa 1925, the house at 8320 Mount Harmony Lane is an example of an American foursquare dwelling. The foursquare was a vernacular residential building form that became widely popular on a national scale during the 1920s and 1930s. In Calvert County, the form replaced the two-story cross-gable dwelling which had been the dominant form for rural residences and farmhouses in the county during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Other examples of the foursquare building form in the county include the Lloyd B. Gibson House (CT-206) in Huntingtown, M.W. Gibson House (CT-243) in Owings, and the William P. Norfolk House (CT-230) near Chaneyville. It is unclear as to how much land was associated with the dwelling when constructed but the maintenance of a small amount of acreage for land cultivation or animal husbandry on a small scale was common in small communities in Calvert County during the early 20th century.

The single-family dwelling is constructed of wood frame and set on a solid masonry foundation that has been parged and pierced by two-light windows. Square in plan, the building measures three bays wide and three bays deep. It is currently clad in aluminum siding and displays no applied stylistic detailing. The shallow-pitched roof has a hipped form and is clad with pressed metal shingles. Four hipped-roof dormers with paired single-light window openings pierce the roof on each elevation. Four corbel-capped, interior, brick chimneys rise from the roof. The walls are pierced by single 2/2 wood-sash windows and have wide square casings clad in aluminum. The house has wide projecting eaves. The façade, facing eastward to Mount Harmony Lane, is dominated by the now enclosed porch that extends three bays. Covered by a half-hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles, the porch is enclosed with metal jalousie windows and aluminum siding. The central entry holds a modern 12-light/2-panel aluminum door flanked by four-light sidelights. The original turned posts and wood flooring of the porch are present. Associated with the dwelling is a non-historic garage, two historic barns and two historic sheds.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Richard F. Wable House

other Oliver L. Hutchins House

2. Location

street and number 8320 Mount Harmony Lane not for publication

city, town	Owings	vicinity
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county Calvert

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard F. Wable and Josephine S. Wable

street and number	8320 Mount Harmony Lane	telephone	Unknown
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city, town	Owings	state	MD	zip code	20736-3435
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 7:405

city, town	Pr. Frederick	liber	JLB 222	folio	125
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

[illegible]

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING. The dwelling is set on a knoll close to Mount Harmony Lane in the small rural crossroads community of Mount Harmony. A gravel drive leads from the road to the rear of the dwelling on the south side. Shade and evergreen trees line the south side of the drive along a wire fence. Concrete paved walks lead from the drive to the façade of the dwelling and also encircle it on the northwest corner. Two modest sheds front the drive to the south of the house. A garage with rented living space on the second story is located at the end of the drive to the southwest of the house. A barn and large tractor shed flank the non-historic garage. Behind the house are several acres used for grazing livestock.

PRIMARY RESOURCE. The single-family dwelling, dating from circa 1925, is constructed of wood frame and set on a solid masonry foundation that has been parged and pierced by two-light windows. Square in plan, the wood-frame building measures three bays wide and three bays deep, standing two-and-a-half stories in height. It is currently clad in aluminum siding and displays no applied stylistic detailing. The shallow-pitched roof has a hipped form and is clad with pressed metal shingles. Four hipped-roof dormers with paired single-light window openings pierce the roof on each elevation. Four corbel-capped, interior, brick chimneys rise from the roof. The walls are pierced by single 2/2 wood-sash windows and have wide, square casings clad in aluminum. The house has wide, projecting eaves.

The façade, facing eastward to Mount Harmony Lane, is dominated by the now enclosed porch that extends three bays. Covered by a half-hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles, the porch is enclosed with metal jalousie windows and aluminum siding. The central entry holds a modern, 12-light/2-panel aluminum door flanked by four-light sidelights. The original turned posts and wood flooring of the porch are present.

An entry bay projects from the west (rear) of the building, accessed by wooden steps on the south elevation. The projection is set on a concrete foundation and has a half-hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles. Single and paired 2/2 wood-sash windows pierce the aluminum-clad walls. An in-set porch is located in the western bay of the south elevation. This two-story porch is enclosed with screens and accessible via wood stairs that wrap around to the west elevation of the building.

SECONDARY RESOURCES. Two historic sheds are located to the south of the house within a fenced area adjacent to the gravel drive. The circa 1940 shed stands one story in height on a concrete block foundation and structure, covered by a shed roof clad with v-crimped metal sheets. The 1930s shed, which serves as a feed house, is constructed of wood frame clad in vertical board-and-batten siding and v-crimped metal sheets. The shed roof has v-crimped metal sheets and has overhanging eaves with a wide fascia board. The windows are boarded shut.

At the end of the gravel drive is the non-historic garage, dating from the 1970s. This two-story structure houses three cars and provides living space on the second story. The wood-frame structure is clad in aluminum siding and has a side-gabled roof finished with corrugated metal sheets. To the north of the garage is the tractor shed, which stands one story in height. The shed dates from the 1930s. It is set on a solid concrete block foundation and constructed of wood frame clad in vertical boards. The side-gabled roof, which has an overhang, is covered with v-crimped metal sheets. Four single-leaf doors allow access into the shed. To the south of the garage is the cattle barn, which dates to the 1930s. The barn is constructed of wood frame with vertical board siding. The gabled roof is finished with corrugated metal sheets. A side-gabled addition was made to the west elevation. A double-leaf opening at the lower level, created by banking the structure into the landscape, allows the animals to access the building. The walls are pierced by eight-light windows.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates c1925

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates c1925

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 4.9 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name North Beach

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic house is located at 8320 Mount Harmony Lane in Owings, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 7, Parcel 405 since its construction circa 1925. The current deed to the property can be found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book JLB 222, Page 125.

11. Form Prepared By

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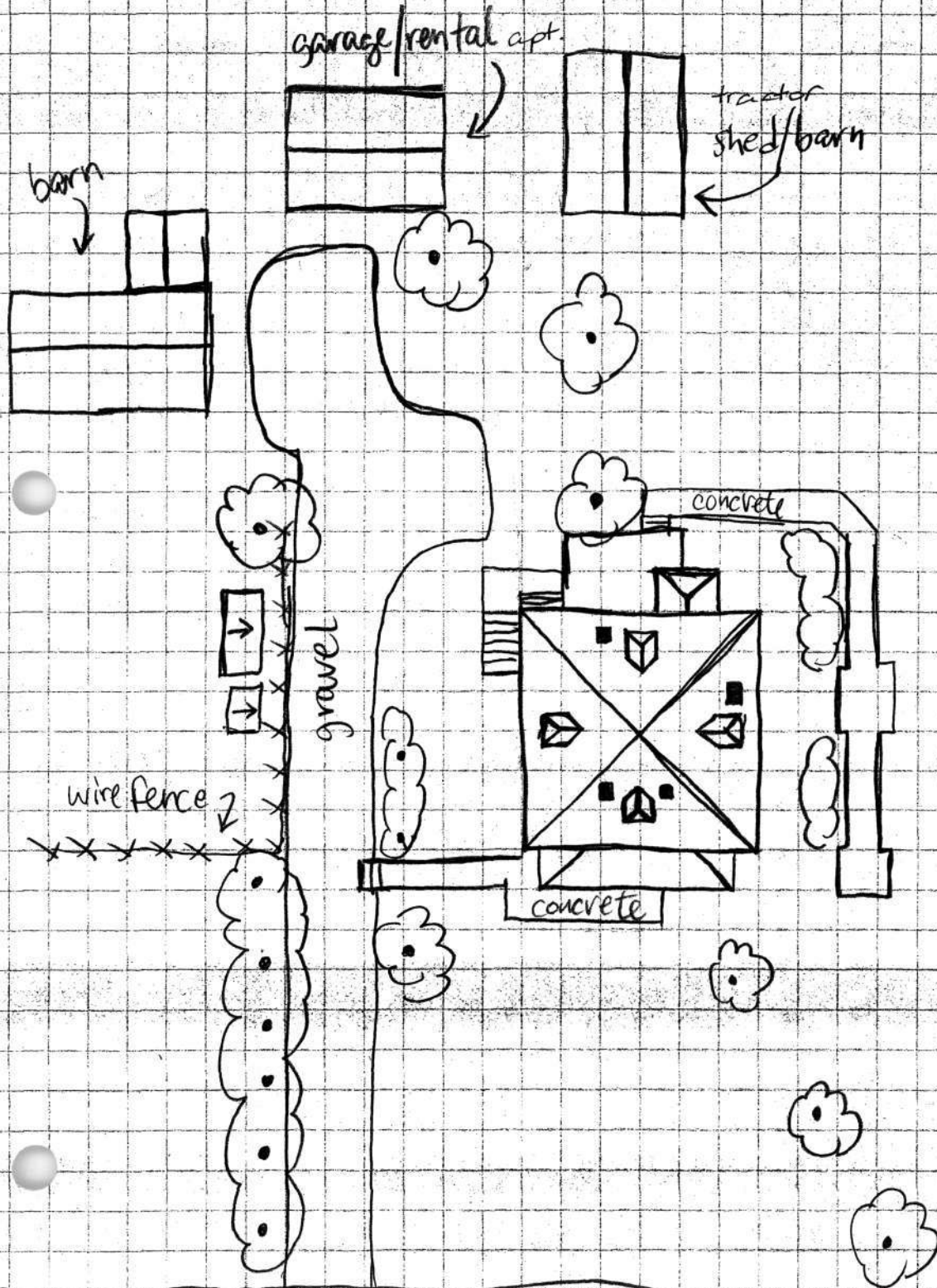
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Crownsville MD 21032
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
CT-356
RICHARD WABLE HOUSE
OWINGS
CALVERT COUNTY



Mt. Harmony Ln.

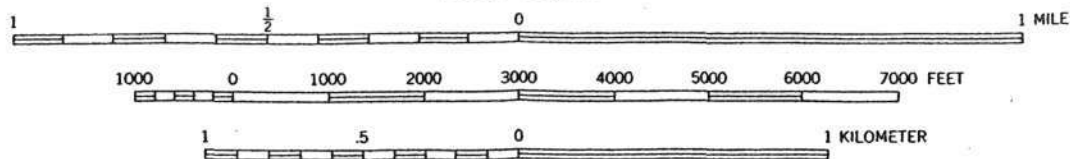
NORTH BEACH, MD.

N3837.5—W7630/7.5

1953
PHOTOREVISED 1979
AMS 5661 II NE—SERIES V833



SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS 1 FOOT AT CHESAPEAKE BEACH

Rp

Hall

Owings

Creek

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Richard F. Wable House
8310 Mount Harmony Lane
Owings, Calvert County
North Beach USGS Quad

Mt Harmony

Mill Br



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RICHARD WABLE HOUSE

8320 Mt. Harmony Lane

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

1/2003

MD SHPO

House, Southeast corner

1 of 3



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RICHARD WABLE HOUSE

8320 Mt. Harmony Lane

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

1/2003

MD SHPO

House, Northwest Corner

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RICHARD WABLE HOUSE
8320 mt. Harmony Lane

Carvert County, MD

Traceries

1/2003

MD SHPO

Barn, Northeast Corner

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Richard F. Wable House
Owings
Private

C. 1900 century

This house is a two story, three bay square frame house with a hipped roof. Each face of the roof has a hip roofed dormer with two small windows. There is a two bay recessed double porch along part of the south wall. The house has been sheathed with aluminum siding.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MA6I
6503 5 735
56**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Margaret Phipps House

AND/OR COMMON

Richard F. Wable House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mt. Harmony Lane

CITY, TOWN

Owings

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Mt. Harmony

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Richard F. Wable

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Mt. Harmony Lane

CITY, TOWN

Owings

☒ VICINITY OF Mt. Harmony

STATE, zip code

MD 20736

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

(MD Route 765) Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is a two story, three bay square frame house with a hipped roof. Each face of the roof has a hip roofed dormer with two small windows. There is a two bay recessed double porch along part of the south wall. The house has been sheathed with aluminum siding.

Windows have single pane double hung sashes with plain flat architraves. The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. A hip roofed porch supported by turned posts extends across most of the front elevation.

There are two corbeled brick flues on the east and north elevations.

A frame barn stands behind the house.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An early 19th century house is said to have been surrounded in the early 20th century rebuilding of this house. No part of the earlier house is presently visible.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Route 5, Box 154

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Leitersburg,

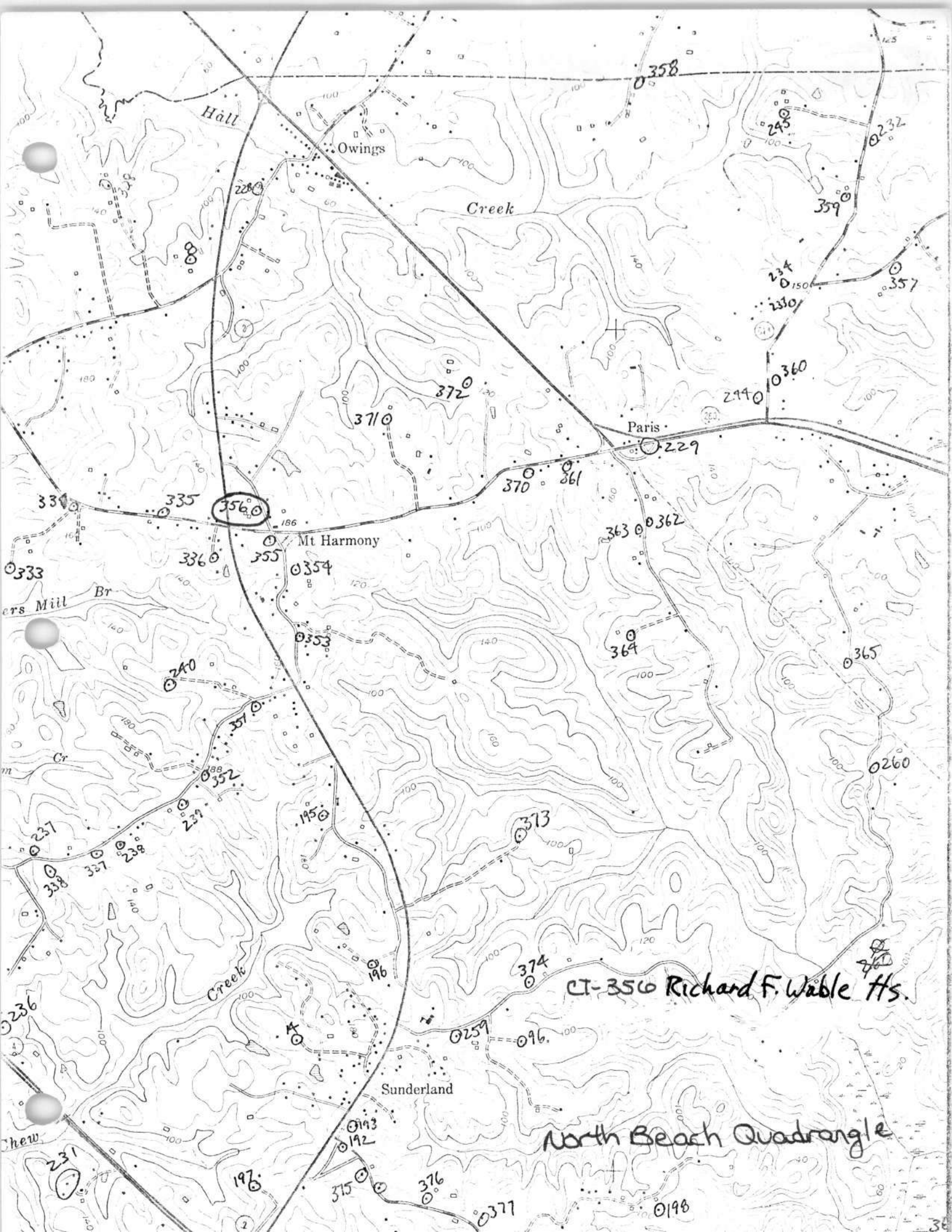
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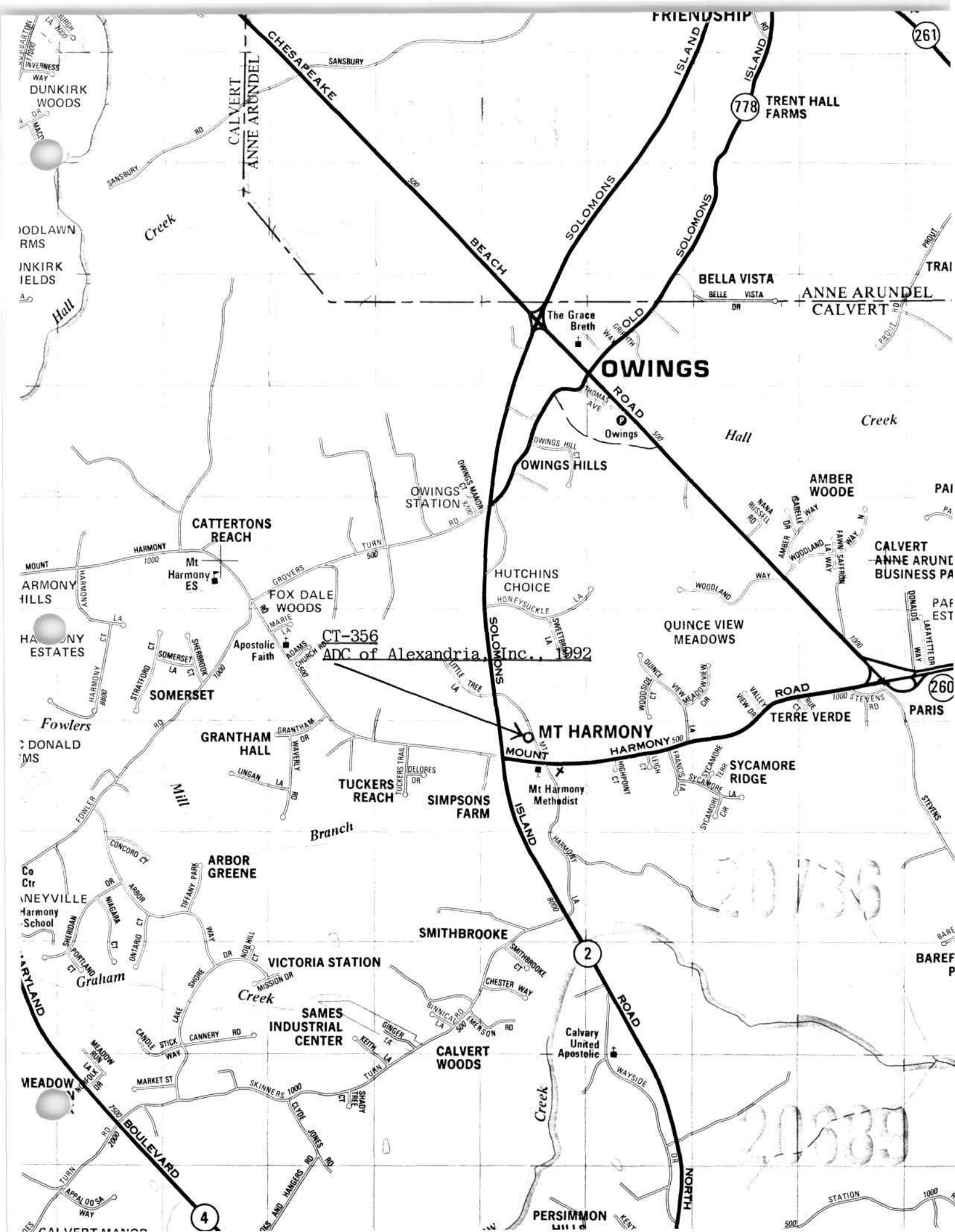
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ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1992

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42°30'

4285

Paris

260

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Richard F. Wable House (Margaret Phipps House)
North Beach Quad, 1953, PR 1979

186

Mt Harmony

4284

Fowlers Mill Br

Graham Cr

188

5661 II NW
(LOWER MARLBORO)

DUNKIRK 3.8 MI
CHANEYVILLE 1.2 MI

Creek

Sunderland

4281

40'

Chew

BM

168

All Saints

LOWER MARLBORO 3.3 MI

Fishing

125

140



CT-356 ~~Margaret Phipps H/s.~~

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Richard F. Wable House

Calvert County

Merry Stinson 4/81

S & E elevations